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APRIL TERM CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNS

Judge Biggs Passes Sentence Upon Convicted Men; Three Paroled.

Judge Biggs of the circuit court closed the regular spring term of the court yesterday afternoon in order that he might go to Crane last night and catch the morning train out. He will have to open court at Vale on Monday morning.

Among the important matters before the court at the session just closed were the suits against the irrigation projects in this vicinity. Three suits were filed but one was dismissed at once; another after argument was decided by the judge favorable to the formation of the "wet" district in which exceptions were filed on the grounds of alleged irregularities at the election and that the petition was not taken before the proper authority. The third suit was argued but not decided as the judge did not have time to go into it thoroughly. It will receive his attention during vacation.

Yesterday afternoon the judge passed sentence upon several who had been found guilty of crime. The first was Rodney Davis who was convicted of the crime of larceny by bailer. He was sentenced to from one to five years in the penitentiary.

William F. Buchanan, a young boy who pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a horse, was given a good talk by Judge Biggs and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary but paroled because of his tender years and the further fact that he had been an orphan for several years without having the advantage of proper instruction. Judge Biggs paroled the boy to Hon. J. W. McCulloch, one of the practicing attorneys of this district whose home is at Ontario. Mr. McCulloch accepted his charge and made a short statement in open court as to why he was moved to ask for the boy. Later, J. E. Sizemore, the stock man of the Warm Springs neighborhood, who was present in the court room and heard what had transpired, asked the court to let him have the boy as he could thus be under his particular observation on the ranch and he needed just such a boy. Mr. McCulloch relinquished in favor of Mr. Sizemore and the boy was taken out to the ranch.

Sherman Long, a young homesteader, who pleaded guilty to having taken some fencing from the W. G. Howell place on what is known as the Burke well place, was given a maximum sentence of five years in the penitentiary and paroled. The court gave the young man some excellent advice and he promised to make restitution. He will return to the place from which it was taken.

C. A. Downs was convicted of the larceny of some whiskey. He had been taken before the justice court before and fined \$150 and given a jail sentence for the same offense, and in view of the circumstances surrounding the case the judge gave him a fine of \$50 and a jail sentence of six months, but paroled him in the custody of the sheriff and further imposed a bond for \$500 for his good behavior.

Before discharging the jurors in attendance Judge Biggs had a new grand jury drawn for the fall term. Those composing that body are: A. K. Richardson, E. D. Baker, M. H. Brenton, P. C. Petersen, Columbus Grove, Wm. Thelmer, Fred G. Brown.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES.

County Treasurer W. Y. King received a telegram yesterday forenoon announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Dr. Kayger, at the family home near Corvallis. He thought he would go down to attend the funeral but after making calculations found he could not reach there in time unless he could catch the morning train out of Bend, and not being familiar with the road out that way, decided to not go. Mrs. Kayger was at one time a resident of this county in the early days, residing in the Diamond section.

R. J. McKinnon.

R. J. McKinnon died last Sunday afternoon at the hospital in this city. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis during last week and his condition was serious with little hope of his recovering from the stroke because of his advanced age, but he insisted he was going to get better. His son Robt. Jr., and daughter, Mrs. Cleveland, came over from Van upon learning of his condition and as he seemed to improve they returned home. Another daughter, Mrs. Emanuel Clark, arrived from her home at the White Horse ranch Saturday night and others of his children living at a distance started here immediately; the oldest son, Ed. J., arrived from his home over in Baker county, but it was after his father had passed away; Mrs. Lucy Beard also came from her home at Hermosa, S. D., but arrived after her father had been buried.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church, the service being conducted by Rev. J. J. Tickner. The active pall bearers included some of the pioneer men of this community, Geo. D. Hagey, Simon Lewis, J. C. Foley, R. T. Hugbet, Fred Lunaburg and I. S. Geer.

"Uncle Bob" McKinnon was one of the noble men of this earth. He was a good, conscientious man who commanded the respect of all his acquaintances and lived a life that was an example to his fellow men. During his long residence in this county, dating from 1886, he was a factor in the upbuilding of the country and was always found right on any undertaking. He did not put himself forward, yet he was aggressive in a manner that was convincing to those with whom he came in contact. His neighbors all loved him and enjoyed his company, many of them went to him for advice and counsel which they invariably found sound and worth following. While he had lived to an advanced age he will nevertheless be missed by this community and mourned by many sincere friends in addition to his immediate relatives.

Robert Jackson McKinnon was born January 22, 1836 in Indiana. He was married on November 7, 1857 to Emily Harriett Long at Clarinda, Iowa. They made their home in the place just named until the spring of 1869, when they moved to Missouri, remaining there until the fall of 1874, they returned to Clarinda, Iowa remaining until April 1875, coming to Willows California, and a few months later to Redding, same state. In the fall of 1886 they moved to this place, since which time it has been their home until the death of the wife, which was on July 18, 1911.

During the past nine years Mr. McKinnon has spent most of his time with his children, of whom there were 12 born 7 daughters and 5 sons, one daughter died at the age of little more than 2 years, and 2 sons after reaching their manhood.

The children who remain to grieve his passing, are: J. E. McKinnon, Carson, Oregon; Mrs. Ida McCambell Whitmore, Calif.; J. R. McKinnon Jr., of Van, Oregon; Lucy J. Beard, Hermosa, S. D.; Dora B. Clark, of Andrews, Oregon; Theo. D. McKinnon, of Cheatum, Wash.; Emma Alice Clark, of Portland, Ore.; Elsie Olive Cleveland, Van, Ore.; and Essie Geneva Smith, Omaha, Neb.; besides many grand children, great grand children and friends.

Died at age of 83 years, 2 months and 19 days.

EXACTLY THE RIGHT IDEA

(Contributed)

To build expensive dams and irrigating systems for lands only that now have the benefit of water without such, would be an absolute folly. To ask that lands not now irrigated should bear the burden of taxation incident to formation of a district, construction etc., would be an injustice. Let the irrigated and producing lands assume all financial responsibilities in that respect—and the conserved waste water under the improved system, when delivered to, and paid for, by the now arid lands pay a reasonable interest on the investment, the same as on any other legitimate business enterprise.

COURT CONFIRMS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Organization of Big District Declared Regular And Directors Proceed.

Yesterday Judge Biggs of the circuit court confirmed the formation of the Harney Valley Irrigation District and that organization can get busy. A suit was filed contesting the confirmation on the grounds that there was fraud practiced during the election and that the proceedings had not been brought before the right tribunal. This was set aside by the judge and the district has every right to proceed with business so far as that court is concerned, the court holding that the exceptions taken were not well founded.

This disposes of the obstacles that might have delayed the rapid working out of the details of the project and gives the directors an opportunity to go on and perfect plans for construction of the dams and necessary canals to properly carry out the system of placing water on the lands.

William Hanley Secures Valuable Irrigation Data

William Hanley returned last Monday from Portland where he had been for a few days on business. He was out on some private business but did not neglect to put in some time for the irrigation district while in the metropolis.

"I had a conference with Hon. Will R. King, who occupies the position of chief counsel for the reclamation service of the United States," said Mr. Hanley, "and through him located some data that is of considerable value to the irrigation district and which we will get hold of. This will be the means of saving not only considerable expense, but a lot of time, as it has been carefully compiled and will need nothing but checking."

Mr. Hanley did not go into details as to the nature of this data but it will be forthcoming within a short time and will aid the engineers to arrive at a basis of cost of the construction of the irrigation works at an earlier time than if it had to be gathered in the field.

It had been arranged that a meeting of the directors and commissioners of the irrigation district would be held upon Mr. Hanley's return but a telegram called Mr. Olsen, a member of the board of directors, to Seattle therefore there was no meeting held.

INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT CAMPAIGN VISIT US

The team in charge of the campaign put on by thirty Protestant church denominations in the Interchurch World Movement, visited this city on Thursday. Owing to so much going on demanding the attention of our citizens the meetings during the day and evening were not as well attended as they would otherwise. Circuit court was in session and matters of considerable interest to many were at stake and therefore was first with them. Other things of a like nature interfered with a representative attendance. However, the move is one that meets with approval and one that should have serious consideration.

The campaign is given considerable attention in this issue of the paper on page six where those interested may read. Other matters will not permit going into details in respect to the program given at the Presbyterian church during the visit of the team here.

Mrs. Ella Martin is sick at Boise where she went soon after her daughter, Nora, recovered from an attack of pneumonia and influenza last month. Mrs. Martin was considerably worn out from illness in the family and the death of one daughter. Her friends hope she will soon regain her health and return home.

IOWA FINANCIER LOOKS AFTER INTERESTS HERE

B. L. Allen Spends Week in Burns; Sees Big Future And Wants 'o Help.

B. L. Allen of Lorenz, Iowa, spent most of the week in this city. Mr. Allen has real estate interests in this vicinity, being associated with P. S. Weittenhiller in several good sized tracts of land. Of recent years conditions have not been favorable toward offering these lands to home seekers or investors, because of dry seasons, therefore they have not been promoted or exploited. Mr. Allen came out to investigate present conditions and to consult with Mr. Weittenhiller, as well as others, in respect to the future and what the prospects were to begin a more intensive development of the country.

"You have big undeveloped resources here and I feel confidence in a great future," said Mr. Allen this morning before taking his departure for Crane where he will entrain on his homeward journey. "I want to be a part of that if possible; I am not an obstructionist, nor do I want to be placed in that class. When circumstances are such as to permit my activity in a progressive movement I am ready to assume my part in the game and carry it through."

Mr. Allen has large property and business interests in his home state and has always taken an active part in advancing the country in which he devotes his attention. He owns land in Florida and he also has lands in Alberta, Canada, therefore his interests are varied and cover a wide range. He is in a position to bring many desirable investors into this country provided he can conscientiously do so.

Mr. Allen frankly stated to a representative of this paper that he had come to a time in his life when he didn't want to assume any burden that would be likely to cause him worry and discomfort, therefore he hopes to get his affairs in this vicinity in shape that he can most effectively handle them and recommend them to his friends and neighbors in an effort to bring about an improved condition and more prosperous and contented homes. Such an attitude should be met in the right spirit by this community and Mr. Allen given such support as will bring his full force of energy in line with progression.

BURNS CITIZENS SIGN UP FOR LYCEUM COURSE NEXT WINTER

Miss Fate, the representative of the Ellison-White Lyceum System, who was here last week, interested the citizens of Burns in a course for the coming winter and six numbers were signed for. These will come during the school year beginning in the late fall and continuing through the winter. They consist of musical numbers, dramatic and lectures.

The people of this community are fortunate in securing this course. They appreciated the Chautauqua last summer so well that it has created a desire for more good things along entertaining lines. The teachers of the schools of Burns were the moving spirits in securing the course for next winter. The entertainments will be about one month apart.

FORMER WAREHOUSE MAN BUYS FARM NEAR BURNS.

S. M. Bolton, formerly the active man in charge of the Bolton & Bodmer warehouse at Crane, has disposed of that business and has purchased the farm of Clyde Weittenhiller two miles south of the Experiment Station. This is known as the Frank Jackson place and is one of the best producing farms in this section of the country, being seeded to alfalfa.

This paper is informed that Mr. Bolton is making arrangements to further improve the farm by building a modern dwelling upon it with modern conveniences including full basement electric lights furnace heat and other like appliances.

The Times-Herald is certainly inclined to congratulate the neighborhood on the acquisition of such a progressive citizen.

Judge H. C. Levens.

Telegraphic information was received here yesterday morning from Portland announcing that Judge H. C. Levens had passed away at 5 o'clock and that the body would be shipped home for interment.

Many friends and relatives of this city have gone to Crane to meet the bereaved wife and other relatives who are on the train coming up; a telephone message at 2:40 stated that a bridge had burned out just beyond Juntura and that the train could not possibly reach Crane until tomorrow morning. It had been expected the funeral would be held at the Masonic hall tomorrow afternoon but owing to this delay it is not certain.

Suitable obituary notice will be published in this paper next issue.

Public School Contributes To Armenian Relief Fund

Principal Sutton of the public school of this city has received an acknowledgment of the contributions of the children of the school to the Near East relief. The children volunteered to make contributions to this fund following the visit of a worker in this vicinity who showed them conditions. The sum of \$71.02 was raised without solicitation on the part of Mr. Sutton and this amount he forwarded to the right officer. This is a very creditable contribution and one that has brought very favorable comment from headquarters for the school.

Drives for deserving causes are coming thick and fast and the average individual is wondering where he will draw the line. They come so often that one is kept digging continually. The local affairs of the community are going to have first consideration in the immediate future, as these must be met and taken care of, regardless of the merit of the outside undertakings.

PRESIDENT STATE FEDERATED CLUBS VISITS THIS CITY

Mrs. Ida B. Callahan, president of the Federal Clubs of Oregon, made a short visit to this city during the week, leaving yesterday by way of Crane for outside points to the east. She came in Thursday from Bend and during her visit here held a meeting with the Library Club and discussed the work. Mrs. Callahan is a teacher in the O. A. C. at Corvallis but is on leave of absence in order that she may attend her duties in the office which she holds with the federated clubs of the state. The lady was a guest of School Supt. Clark while here and she also visited the Shattucks at the Experiment Station as she formerly taught both Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck in the school.

Mrs. Callahan is a very interesting woman and very capable. She made a very favorable impression upon those with whom she came in contact and her visit resulted in good to the organizations which she represents.

RADIUM VALLEY SUGGESTED AS NAME

The Times-Herald is in receipt of a communication from the Van country in which it is suggested that instead of referring to that neighborhood as "Clamity" that it be called "Radium Valley." What have you to say to that name? Speak up.

The writer also states they had some fine storms in that neighborhood recently, all night rains on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, also two foot of snow on the mountains between Calamity and Bear Valley.

The communication further announces that Mrs. Rachael Gearhart and her little daughter, Josephine Rachael, have returned from Ontario where they had been visiting relatives and friends.

Speak up about the name of the locality, now. Let's get the views of the entire neighborhood.

Mrs. Lucy Beard, is here from her home in Hermosa, S. D., having come because of the death of her father but arrived too late to attend the funeral. She will visit for a time before returning home.

FRANK JOHNSON TALKS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Advocates Active Work On Constructed End of Job; Stockmen Coming.

Frank Johnson is here from Prineville and he hasn't talked anything else but the irrigation district and the coming stock convention since he hit town, so far as this shop knows. He may have talked land sales or leases to some people since that's what the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. pays him for, but so far as any utterance in the presence of the newspaper man or the shop, it has been—irrigation district—or stock convention.

Frank is very much interested in both. He knows from his observations at Prineville with the Ochoco project just being completed, and the Warm Springs project over in Malheur county, where his company has a lot of land, just what irrigation means and how badly it is needed. He also knows what the people of Harney county are up against when they contemplated entertaining the State Cattle & Horse Growers Association at its annual convention. "You've got your hands full." That's what he says about the convention.

"For goodness sake, don't let the construction end of the irrigation district know what the legal end is doing. You are bound to have more or less litigation," says Mr. Johnson. "It is the case every time and will continue the same until the end. No irrigation district was ever formed or ever will be formed that will suit everybody right off the bat. They have to 'be showed.' Even the fellows inside the district are sometimes dissatisfied and then around the edges you'll always find some fellow who thinks he ought to be in and has a kick coming. It was the case on the Ochoco and on the Warm Springs. Never mind the pessimists. He is going to howl, but let me give you a tip: Organize a bouncer club and when the fellow lets out a yell on the street, just escort him right to the directors and headquarters where information is first-hand and tell him. If there is anything to his kick it will be adjusted—if there isn't tell him to shut his mouth and stop interfering."

Frank Johnson has the right "hunch." Why not go to the right source with complaints instead of making them to second parties and talking long and loud about things to the individual who can't come back at you because he doesn't know the inside information? That's the way neighborhood feuds are kept up. That's the way children do. It isn't the way progressive "on the square" business concerns get by. Just try it.

"That bunch of stockmen are coming full force—do you get me?" says Frank Johnson. "George Russell just got back from over in Lake and Klamath counties before I left Prineville, and he says they're all coming, and I know that Crook county is coming over strong. Guess I'd better tell 'em to bring along their blankets though, from what you tell me."

That's the spirit that is met from every direction in connection with the stockmen's convention. Burns is the place they have turned their eyes on in May and they're coming. We're got to take care of them. Now, don't leave it to the other fellow, for its your job just as much as his. All the available rooms have not been listed with the accommodation committee. That has been learned by the writer during the past two or three days. He knows of rooms right here in town that haven't been listed. Skip Whiting has volunteered rooms out at his ranch house just across the river. He can take care of several of the boys. Eph Sizemore, who is here doing jury duty, is going to bring in his camp beds and turn them over to the committee. Others should do likewise. We're perfectly able to take care of our stockmen guests if the neighbors will only do their share and they're going to.

One stock man told a member of
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